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No. 4501 CASH TERMS FOR ADVERTISERS.

STEAMER FOR WOLLONGONG.
THE WILLIAM THE FOURTH. This Evening, at 6 P.M.
Phonix Wharf, Erskine-street, 7827

STEAM TO THE HUNTER.
THE H. H. THISTLE. On Monday and Thursday, at 10 P.M.
The ROSE, on Wednesday and Saturday, at 10 P.M.
JAMES PATTERSON, Manager, 7475

STEAM TO MORETON BAY.
THE RAGLE. J. J. Warner, commander, will sail on MONDAY, the 20th instant, at 8 P.M.
JAMES PATTERSON, Manager, 7703

FOR MORETON BAY.
THE SCHOONER HARP. Will clear at the Customs this Day, and sail this Evening.
For freight or passage apply to the Captain on board; or to
W. U. HARRIS, Agent, at the Wharf, 7831

FOR MORETON BAY.
THE SCHOONER LAYNA. 90 tons, H. Wyborn, master, having part cargo on board, will sail on Tuesday next, the 21st instant. This vessel's accommodations are equal to any in the trade. Beds, bedding, wines and spirits, found free of charge.
For freight or passage apply to Captain Wyborn on board; or to
HENRY CLARKE, Union Wharf, 7784

FOR MORETON BAY.
THE KETCH EMILY. Callas, master, being under charter to perform certain services at the Bay, must proceed there with or without cargo. She will therefore take what goods may offer at a very reasonable rate, or will load for Ipswich direct.
For freight or passage, apply to
JOHN MORRIS, Agent, Albion Wharf (foot of Market-street), 7877

PACKET FOR WIDE BAY.
THE SCHOONER MARGARET AND MARY. 120 tons, Currie, master, having all her dead weight on board, will sail on Tuesday next, being detained till that time at request of shippers. Her accommodations for passengers are most superior.
For freight or passage apply to
JOHN MORRIS, Agent, Packet Office, (Albion Wharf), 7875

FOR KEMPSKY, MURRAY RIVER.
THE SCHOONER HENRY. Will be ready to receive cargo on Tuesday morning, and positively sail on Wednesday afternoon, at three o'clock. Apply on board at the Albion Wharf; or to
WM. DALTON, Church-hill, 7883

FOR THE CLARENCE RIVER.
THE SCHOONER HANNAH. 80 tons, H. W. Ellis, master, is now receiving cargo, will clear at the Customs Tuesday next, and sail the day following, full or part cargo.
For freight or passage (having very superior accommodations), apply to
JOHN MORRIS, Agent, Albion Wharf, foot of Market-street, 7876

FIRST VESSEL FOR THE CLARENCE RIVER.
THE SCHOONER CLARENCE PACKET. 110 tons, Beneand, commander, having the greater part of her cargo engaged, will sail positively on Tuesday next. For freight or passage (having superior accommodation) apply to
EDWARD DAVIES, Davies' Wharf, bottom of Market-street, 7864

FOR THE MURRAY RIVER DIRECT.
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PACKETS FOR VICTORIA.
FIRST VESSEL FOR MELBOURNE.
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SCOTS CHURCH, CHURCH HILL.
SERMON will be preached in this Church, to-morrow (Sabbath) Evening, at seven o'clock, by the Rev. Dr. LANG, on the Condition and Prospects of the Mining Population of the Western Interior. A collection will be made for the benefit of a Mission about to be established to the River by the Synod of New South Wales. Sydney, October 18.

WESLEYAN UNION BENEFIT SOCIETY.
THE MEMBERS of the above-named Society are requested to take notice that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Wesleyan Chapel, on MONDAY EVENING, the 20th instant, for the Election of Officers and other important business. The meeting to commence at 7 P.M., and the attendance of the members is earnestly requested.

THE CITY REPRESENTATION.
A PUBLIC MEETING of the Citizens of Sydney will be held on MONDAY NEXT (October 20th), in Malcom's Royal what measures ought to be adopted to secure the election of a liberal member for the City in the place of the Rev. Dr. Lang, who has been unfortunately necessitated to resign his seat. The Chair will be taken at 12 o'clock P.M., by JOHN LAMB, Esq., M.C.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION.
A PUBLIC MEETING of the friends and supporters of Mr. Penell will be held at Mr. C. Adair's, Friendship Inn, at the corner of George and Goulburn streets, on Monday evening, 20th instant, at 7 o'clock. Mr. Penell will be the candidate for the City.

THE MERCANTILE MARINE.
A Public Meeting of the Masters of Merchant Vessels, now lying in the Harbour of Port Jackson, will be held at the Australian Hotel, George-street, North, on Tuesday Evening, the 21st October instant, at 6 o'clock, for the purpose of taking into consideration the best means of protecting, at the present crisis, the Maritime Interests of the Port.

OLYMPIC CIRCUS.
In the rear of the Painters' Arms, Castlereagh-street, 7874

MR. J. S. NOBLE has the honour of announcing to the Public of Sydney, and its vicinity, that he intends to give his 25th Equestrian Entertainment THIS EVENING, Saturday, October 18, on which occasion Mr. Noble has selected for the entertainment some of his most pleasing families, in consequence of several distinguished families who have signified their intention to attend.

MALCOM'S ROYAL AUSTRALIAN CIRCUS, YORK-STREET.
Crowded Houses and Rapturous Applause. J. MALCOM respectfully tenders his sincere thanks for the patronage extended to him on the occasion of Wednesday evening, the 17th October instant, at which time he was enabled to perform a number of his most pleasing families, in consequence of several distinguished families who have signified their intention to attend.

MR. A. EMANUEL, Professor of Music, respectfully informs the public that his Soiree Danzante will take place every Tuesday Evening, at the Royal Hotel (weather permitting). The doors will be opened at half-past seven o'clock, when the City Band will play a variety of popular music. Dancing to commence at half-past eight o'clock.

TO SAMUEL D. GORDON, ESQ., Mayor of the City of Sydney, and Electors of the City of Sydney, in relation to the importance of being represented in the City Council by gentlemen of acknowledged integrity and business habits, respectfully begs to state that he has been nominated as one of the six Councillors to be elected by the electors on the 1st of November next, and pledges himself to use his influence to ensure your return.

WE, the undersigned Electors of the City of Sydney, do hereby certify that we have elected Mr. Samuel D. Gordon, Esq., to be one of the six Councillors to be elected by the electors on the 1st of November next, and pledge ourselves to use our influence to ensure your return.

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THE Hon. Mrs. Keith Stewart's COS.
TUNE BALL.—Hair plait, and long hair bands, to be had at Mrs. HOBSON'S, Baby Linen, Juvenile Clothing, and Berlin Wool Warehouse, 4, Hunter-street.

WRATHS, HEAD DRESSES, &c.
LONDON HOUSE.

JAMES SMYTH respectfully informs the Ladies of Sydney, that he has opened extensive premises at the corner of Pitt and Market streets. Having received large shipments of New Goods, he has opened the above premises, where he trusts his choice selection of Bonnets, Caps, Wreaths, Head Dresses, Mantles, Shawls, Paper Maché, and ribbons of all descriptions, will meet with general approval.

MESSRS. MATHUR AND ATKINSON respectfully inform the inhabitants of Parramatta and its vicinity, that their establishment, in Church-street, will be re-opened on Monday next, the 20th instant, when a large and carefully selected stock of new goods, recently received, such as Mohair, Phenician, and other vessels, will be offered for sale.

NOTICE.—Mr. J. M. Niebel, late Park Butcher, &c., in George-street, respectfully informs his friends and the public, that he has received business at No. 306, Pitt-street, (opposite Mr. Moffitt's, Bookeller, &c.). From long experience, and a perfect knowledge of the trade in all its branches, he will always be prepared to vend the best article to all who may favour him with a call. Picnic parties supplied on the shortest notice.

GLASGOW TEA WAREHOUSE.
143, George-street, nearly opposite the Hay Market Clock, or next door to the Old Corporation Inn.

THE undersigned begs most respectfully to thank his numerous friends and the public generally for the liberal share of patronage he has received during the short time he has been in business, and still solicits a continuance of their favours.

ALBERT MASON, Printer, Commission Agent, 147, Castlereagh-street, 7823

TO PROPRIETORS OF HORSES, SHEEP, CATTLE, &c.
The undersigned begs to inform persons concerned, that he has laid in a large stock of the following articles, and to his credit, he has been able to submit the following prices:

MAISE, best quality, 3s. per bushel
Bran, 10d. ditto
Wheat, 1s. 6d. ditto
Oats, 1s. 4d. ditto
Barley, 1s. 2d. ditto
Peas, 1s. 1d. ditto
Beans, 1s. 1d. ditto
Clover, 1s. 1d. ditto
Hay, 1s. 1d. ditto
Straw, 1s. 1d. ditto

WATERLOO HOUSE, KING-STREET.
TO BE DISPOSED OF, the Lease of the above named valuable premises, from the 31st of next month (November). Any person desiring to purchase the premises, or their perfect adaptation to almost any business, would be unnecessary, as the public at large must be aware that the situation is unexceptionable. Apply between 9 and 11 o'clock, at 255, Pitt-street, 7776

HOUSE AND ESTATE AGENCY OFFICE.
Next Bank of Australia, 174, Market-street, 7776

WEEKLY SUMMARY.
TO LET.
Janeland Estate, Lake George, (known as Dr. Wilson's) 5000 acres.
Farm, 60 acres, near Wollongong.

nother for sale, slaughter, or shipment,
for the towns of East and West
Maitland, except at certain hours.
The provisions of this Bill, he explained, were
in accordance with those of the Sydney
Police Act, and with the By-law passed by
the Council of that City for preventing the driving of cabs through its
streets. The Country Towns Police Act con-
tained similar provisions for the benefit of the
population and importance of Maitland ren-
dered it necessary that some steps should be
taken to relieve it from what was felt to be a
great nuisance.

The mover, having seconded the motion,
leave was granted, and the mover and seconder
appointed a Committee to prepare the Bill
The draft being subsequently brought up and
read the first time, leave was given to print, and
reading a second time on Friday week.

POLICE DISTRICTS.

Mr. NICHOLS postponed for a fortnight,
in consequence of the absence of the Inspec-
tor-General of Police, the motion for the forma-
tion of police districts under the authority of the
districts organised by that officer, in accordance
with the provisions of the Act of Council, 14th
Victoria, No. 38

Council adjourned at five p.m., until three
o'clock on Tuesday next.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT.—FRIDAY.

BENFORD Full Court.—A convict.

THE QUEEN v. FARLEY.—OFFICIAL CASE.

The following was the special case drawn by
his Honor Mr. Justice Dickinson on the point re-
served.—The prisoner was indicted for uttering
forged bank notes as if they were bona fide.
It appeared in evidence that he had on a Friday
night been drinking at the inn of John Kerrigan,
in West Maitland; and on that occasion saw
two other persons who went away during the night
and paid all his bills there, one glass of grog ex-
cepted. On the Sunday next he came to the same inn, and asked Kerrigan to cash him a check,—which he said, in reply to a question put to him, "was no good,"—that
a person well known to Kerrigan, Samuel Owen deposed that the signature to the check was not his. When the prisoner was apprehended there was discovered on him a blank book of checks, containing twenty-five, each of the forged one, and tallying exactly in the curvature of the edges where the checks were respectively cut from the check ends. The prisoner confessed that he wrote them off as "*Nobbys*." The jury found him guilty. His honor reserved the question for the Court, "Whether there was sufficient evidence of guilty knowledge?"

In support of the point reserved, said that the question before the Court was, whether there was sufficient evidence of guilty knowledge to convict the prisoner? The answer would depend upon the facts shown in the town where the driver resided, and the evidence, therefore, rebutted the presumption of guilty knowledge. The fact of a piece of paper (a blank check) being in the prisoner's pocket did not establish anything more than an ordinary suspicion of guilt. It occurred to me that the only evidence of guilty knowledge, and this is not evidence to warrant conviction, Roscoe, p. 356; Reg. v. Tattersall; 2 Russell on Crimes, 409.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL supported the conviction. The forged check and blank check are similar impressions, and appear to have been cut out of the same check-book. Rex v. Taylor & Pearce established that the defendant in that case even in this case was admitted in that case. The evidence in the present case was given that the jury might draw an inference of guilty knowledge. The evidence went to show that the prisoner had been twice to New Island, and had just got his ticket-of-leave; he had been admitted into the police, in which force he was only three days, and was drunk the whole of the time. There was evidence also that the prisoner had been seen at the house sufficient to call upon the prisoner for an explanation [Mr. JUSTICE DICKINSON: Then if a man uttered a forged check and had a check-book of pocket checks in his possession you would contend that is evidence of guilty knowledge?] That is not precisely the present case, as the two checks are evidently torn out of the same book, and the forged check is passed under very suspicious circumstances.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE: The question is, was there sufficient evidence to go to the Jury of guilty knowledge? To prove the guilty knowledge beyond reasonable doubt against the prisoner, and from every appearance the blank check and forged check are from the same book, and torn from the book by the same hand. The presumption is that the same hands made both checks, and that the forgery, and the forgery having been committed, the check was uttered by the prisoner knowing it to be forged. The conviction must therefore be sustained. The decision of the County Court does not alter my opinion, showing that because a man has a blank check in his possession similar to the forged check therefore he is guilty. There are other considerations about the character of the checks, instances, the curvature of the tear of the two checks, which correspond.

MR. JUSTICE DICKINSON : I had some doubts at the time of the trial, but having heard the evidence since, and after reflection, I am satisfied the conviction is right. From the appearance of the two checks the evidence is clearly that the prisoner cut the checks from the book, forged them, and handing forged checks to others, thereby making himself guilty.

MR. JUSTICE TERRILL : I was not satisfied that the prisoner was properly convicted until I saw the checks, but from the remarkable similarity of the two checks, I decided that the prisoner was rightly convicted. The evidence of guilty knowledge was brought home to the prisoner beyond doubt.

IN THE WILL OF JOHN ODELL, DECEASED.

A TESTAMENTS WITNESS, Robert Deane, be-
came named to George Alexander Pantou, the executor named in the will.—Granted.

KETTELLE F. CLARKE.—DEMURRER.

WHILE THIS CASE WAS CALLED ON BY MR. DARWELL, for plaintiff, and the cause deferred, said that he joined in demurrer before the last sittings for the trial of causes, yet at the eleventh hour (the day before the demurrer was set down for argument) he sent to plaintiffs' counsel, and offered to withdraw the demur-
rere, and to accept judgment according to the nature of a verdict. The plaintiff therefore was entitled to the judgment of the Court. The learned counsel called the attention of the Judge to the rule, p. 165 of the Supreme Court Rules.

THE COURT said that they would dispose of the demurrer during the present term.

Afterwards, on Mr. DARWELL'S application, the Court ordered that the cause do stand over till Monday next, with leave to the defendant to come to the Court on or before Monday next, to obtain leave to plead. The defendant to be served with copy of writ and summons.

HERRICK KANE.—DEFENDANT.

This case was argued and disposed of by the Court giving judgment in favour of the plain-
tiff. A report of the case will appear in Monday's Herald.

CORBON'S INQUEST. Yesterday evening, an inquest was held by the Coroner, at the Antrim Arms, Newtown Road, on view of the body of James Corbon, deceased, who died at a residence on the same road. John Gannon stated that he was driving an omnibus on Thursday evening, about half-past five o'clock, on the Newtown R-m, and when he arrived at the corner of the street leading to the bridge immediately pulled out his knife to cut the harness, when he saw the deceased ahead of him, and drove forward towards him. He saw Thomas Kane and Andrew Kane, who were sitting in the back seat of the omnibus, and consequently was interrupted by two dogs, whilst cutting the harness, when he was obliged to go for assistance to Mrs. Riley's, and when he returned the dogs were still barking at him. Messrs. Rodgers were both drunk, and incapable of giving any account of the manner in which the occurrence took place. Witness Kane gave evidence that he first noticed the dog running after the accident. He had known Kane deceased for some time, and, of late, considered her a sober woman. From the position in which witness found her, he thought she was dead, and he proceeded to examine her, so that he had viewed and examined the body, and described the appearances; glistening

AL CORRESPONDENCE.

[The second article kindly sent us by Mr. Donaldson relates to the service on the west coast of South America, and shows that almost

English Gold Wedding Rings. Bright Gold

Brooches, Bright Gold Lockets, Ladies' fine Gold Neck Chains &c.

M. R. EDWARD SALAMON will sell by auction, at his Rooms, George Street, on **MONDAY, October 20th**, at 11 o'clock, on account of the shipper, without reserve—

- 24 bright gold brooches, with cameo amethysts, onyx, and cornelian
- 40 standard gold wedding rings
- 12 bright gold lockets
- 4 dozen gold keepers
- 5 handsome fine gold ladies' neck-chains
- 6 gold curb chains
- 6½ dozen gold snags and ends

Terms at sale. 7903

On account of whom it may concern, **FLOUR**—

- 3 Aridale, 3 Valparaiso, slightly damaged by sea water.

MORT AND BROWN will sell by public auction, at their Produce Stores, Circular Quay, **THIS DAY, Saturday, October 18**, at 11 o'clock,

- 735 Bags (each 100 lb.) flour, more or less damaged by sea water.

Terms—cash. 7721

BASS' NO. 3 ALE.

MORT AND BROWN will sell by public auction, at their Stores, Circular Quay, **THIS DAY, Saturday, 18th October**, at eleven o'clock,

- Ten hogsheads Bass' No. 3 Burton ale

Terms at sale. 7797

TRUEMAN'S STOUT.

MORT AND BROWN will sell by public auction, at their Produce Stores, Circular Quay, **THIS DAY, Saturday, 18th October**, at 11 o'clock,

- 23 hogsheads Trueman's Stout. Also, 2 ditto ditto, ullage.

Terms at sale. 7870

In the Insolvent Estate of David Taylor, Publican, Wheel Street Inn, Paramatta—

MORT AND BROWN

Instructions from the Official Assignee, to sell by public auction, on the premises of the above named insolvent, on MONDAY, October 20, at 11 o'clock, the
The stock-in-trade, lease, license, and good will of the public house, known as the Wheat Sheaf Inn, Parramatta-street, Also,
Horse, gig, and harness
Terms—cash. 7729

IMPORTED ENTIRE.
M^R. STEWART will sell by auction, at the Horse Bazaar, 208, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, Saturday, at 11 o'clock,
BERRY PEBBLES, the thorough-bred entire, by B. Boyd, Eng. He is in very good condition, a sure sire, and in stock has been much admired here and in India. 7790

U^{LLADULLA} HORSES, IMPORTED ENTIRE, DRAWS, GIG, &c.
M^R. STEWART will sell by auction, at the Horse Bazaar, 208, Pitt-street, 7791

FERRY PEBBLES, the imported entire thorough-bred mare
3 Utiadulla horses, gig, carriage, and saddle horses
three draft horses, two mares
cart, cast horse and harness
cast horse, very powerful
several other saddle and harness horses
two drays, a second-hand phaeton, a gig, &c.

7869

UNRESERVED SALE OF FURNITURE.
R. H. D. COCKBURN has been
instructed to sell by public auction,
this day, No. 1, Park-street, at 11 o'clock,
THIS DAY,
household furniture, consisting of twelve cane
seated chairs, twelve cedar ditto, chest of
drawers, four tables, three bedsteads, two
easy chairs, two loo tables, two sideboards,
bookcase, card table, fender and fire irons,
bed, iron bedstead, English leather
bed, palisade, wool pillows, rugs, carpets
and two clocks.

Also,
kitchen utensils, cups and saucers, jugs,
crucets, plates and dishes, candlesticks, knives
and forks, coffeepot, and sad irons; blankets,
counterpanes, looking glasses, watches,
books, wearing apparel, and sundries. 7886

THIS DAY, October 18,
MR. G. PICKERING will sell by
auction, at his Mart at eleven o'clock

1000000 Furniture, comprising chest of
 drawers, bedsteads, chairs, tables, wash-
 stand, crockery, glass, sets of jugs and
 basins, looking glass, decanters, kitchen
 utensils, etc.
 5 bags of rice, 10 eggs of butter, 5 casks pork
 and beef, ash broom, 4 iron, 1 black-
 smith's anvil, 25 hams, two tons of po-
 tatoes, bottled ale, house holdware, ear-
 dines, China ornaments, figs, new and sec-
 ond-hand clothing, comforts
 4 empty packing cases, zinc and tin, of
 various sizes; 3 casks shell almonds, silver
 watches, ear-rings, watch guards, and sun-
 dries.

7850

GENERAL NOTICE.

parts of the colony are as follows:—
WESTERN.
Arramatta and Ryde—Mr. Hugh Taylor.
Vindoor, Richmond, Wilberforce, Pitt Town,
and Portland Head—Mr. Laban White.
Penrith, and St. Mary's, South Creek—Mr.
Charles Cottrell.

Bartley, Bowenfels—Messrs. M'Lennan and
 Rose.
 Bathurst, Carcoar, Wellington, and O'Connell
 Plains—Mr. J. J. Ashe.
 SOUTHERN.
 Liverpool—Mr. William Pritchard.
 Campbelltown, Camden, Picton, and Appin—
 Mr. John Brown.
 Parramatta—Mr. Robert Forster.

Warrumburn, Marulan, and Bungonia—Mr. Robt. Craig.
 Queanbeyan—Mr. Stephen Nutter.
 Gass—Mr. Thomas Laidlaw.
 Bundagai, Aldbury, &c.—Mr. Robt. Davison.
 Melbourne—Messrs. Mortimer and Son.
 Port Fairy and Portland Bay—Captain Mills.
 Murrumbidgee district—Mr. Hewlett.
 NORTHERN.
 Sydney, Parramatta, Orange, &c.—Messrs. J. & J.

ham, Dungog, Newcastle, Morpeth, and Wollombi—Mr. Alexander Dodds.
Raymond Terrace—Mr. John Hoalding.
Singleton and Jerry's Plains—Mr. C. J. Crofton.
Muswellbrook—Mr. George Denahire.
Murrumbidgee, Tamworth, and Armidale—Mr. Alexander Brodie.

Moreton Bay.—Mr. Thomas Downes.
Port Macquarie and M'Leay River.—Mr. H.
Toser.
Clarence River.—Mr. William Palmer.
Robart Town.—Mr. Daldy.
Launceston.—Captain Thom.
Adelaide.—Mr. James S. Clark.
Eden, Pambula, and Bombala, Cooma.—Mr.
Henry Kesterton.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1851.

CITY ELECTION.
TO MR. JAMES PEMELL.
SIR—We, the undersigned citizens of Sydney, respectfully request that you will allow yourself to be put in nomination as a candidate at the ensuing election of members of the City Council, and we hereby pledge ourselves to use our utmost exertions to secure your return, believing as we do that you will be an efficient member, and will watch over the interests of the city with a careful eye.

We are, Sir,
Yours, respectfully,
Thomas C. Brelhat
William Coleman
E. J. Hawkey
Walter Long
J. B. Waddell
Benjamin James
Michael Bennett
Robert Barr
Joseph Kingsbury
Robert Millard
Adam Howitt
Edward Knight
Frederick Cutler
Thomas Donoghue
John Melton
Robert McDougall
Francis Mason
James Macfarlane
Patrick Galvin
Henry Allen
Henry Lord
William Pawley
James Duffin
Henry Thompson
A. McDiamid
Francis Crawford
William Seymour
Henry Jervis
Michael Chapman
W. Taylor
Michael Casey
Joseph Dole
Christopher Ellis
William Varlow
P. N. Wall
W. H. Green
S. Britcher
Michael O'Byrne
Roach Fowler
J. Curran
Thomas Howerton
Martin Guest
Alexander Thompson
John Robertson
E. Beaumont
Philip Walsh
John Thompson
James Marshall
William Jackson
James Powell
John Palmer
Thomas Lee
William Pakes

Sydney, October 18, 1851.
Gentlemen,—I beg leave to return you my thanks for the request you have presented to me, and to assure you, that in the event of my being elected as one of your City Councilors, I shall at all times endeavour to discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability, and with honesty of purpose.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your most obedient servant,
JAMES PEMELL.
TO THE INDEPENDENT ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SYDNEY.
GENTLEMEN,—At the urgent request of a large number of my fellow-citizens, I have been induced to offer myself as a Candidate for your suffrages at the ensuing City Council Election; had their choice fallen upon one who is more worthy of the honour of representing you in the City Council, I would have been the last to come forward; but if you consider that I can serve you, I am ready to do so, to the utmost of my abilities.

I have been a resident in this city for many years, and a large manufacturer, and also an employer of labour to the extent of some thousands of pounds annually, and having a large stake in the city, I am induced to hope that your support on this occasion will be given to me.

With regard to Sewerage, I am of opinion that the Government ought to endow the City with means, in order that the Council may be enabled to carry out that great work which is so necessary, more particularly in a climate like this, and with the expectation of a very large Immigration that will come from all parts of the world, and not be compelled to Tax the Citizens more than at present: I consider they are sufficiently Taxed, having to pay this year eleven-pence in the pound, still the streets, more especially the back streets, are in many of the worst in a most shameful condition.

With respect to a plentiful supply of Water to the Citizens, I am of opinion that the City Council should lay down pipes in every street where practicable at a fair rate, without making a Revenue for the Corporation.

Should you send me into the City Council as one of your Representatives, I pledge myself to use my best exertions in advocating all Sanitary measures, at the same time heartily thanking those among you who have shown their confidence by soliciting me to become one of your Representatives in the City Council.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your most obedient servant,
PATRICK HOGAN.
Gloucester-street, October, 1851. 7238

TO JOHN CAMPBELL, ESQ., J.P., CAMPBELL'S WHARF.

WE, the undersigned Electors of the City of Sydney, daily appreciating the importance of being represented in the Council by gentlemen of acknowledged integrity and business habits, respectfully beg that you will allow yourself to be nominated as one of the six Councilors to be elected by the citizens on the first of November next, and pledge ourselves to use our influence to ensure your return.

David Jones and Co.
Francis Mitchell
J. C. Rosseter
Hugh Dixon
John Thompson
I. M. Illidge
Samuel Peck
William Wallis
Francis Macnab
George Ratray
Alfred Fairfax
P. N. Russell
James Dawson
John Purkis
W. G. Lambert
Thomas Taylor
Francis Bennett
George A. Lloyd
J. Lazarus
George Moss
John C. Lyall
W. H. Aldis
J. G. Waller
R. Salter
Abraham Moses
Moses Moses
J. O. Glanham
J. Wedderburn
Edward Salmon
J. Bettridge
George Jarman
E. C. Weekes

Campbell's Wharf, Sydney,
11th October, 1851.
Gentlemen,—In reply to your application, requesting to know if I will allow myself to be put in nomination as one of the Councilors for the City, I beg to say that although it entails some little inconvenience, still if my services will benefit the citizens at large I shall have no objection.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
JOHN CAMPBELL.
TO MESSRS. DAVID JONES AND CO., AND THE OTHER GENTLEMEN SIGNING THE REQUEST.
TO MR. GEORGE THORNTON, CITY COUNCILLOR.
SIR—We, the undersigned electors of the City of Sydney, appreciating as we do the services which you have already rendered to this City since your election as one of our representatives in the City Council, being again desirous of securing your services in the City Council Election, we respectfully request that you will allow yourself a second time to be nominated as one of the candidates for our suffrages on the 1st of November next. In the event of your acceding to our request, we pledge ourselves to use our exertions to secure your election.

[Here follow about 300 signatures.]
REPLY.
To the Citizens of Sydney generally, and those signing the above requisition particularly.
GENTLEMEN,—I feel honoured by the numerous and respectfully signed requisition (quoted above) which has been handed to me this day, and in reply beg to say, that my best energies and exertions for the benefit of the city are at your disposal, and if re-elected shall be faithfully rendered.

I have served you for the last four years to the best of my judgment, and firmly believe that the experience I have gained in civic matters during that time will enable me to serve you in the future to greater advantage.

I have honour to be, gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
GEORGE THORNTON.
Sydney, October 18, 1851. 7288

AUSTRALASIAN BOTANIC AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.
ADDITIONAL PRIVILEGES TO MEMBERS.
THE Committee beg to invite the attention of the public to the following resolution, passed at the General Meeting of the Members of this Society, held on Wednesday, the 23rd July last:—
"That a subscriber of One Guinea shall be constituted a member, with the following privileges, namely:—Two tickets for each exhibition, and free admittance for himself, and that such member be admitted at two o'clock to the Exhibition, with right to introduce Ladies at that hour, on payment of one shilling each, and Children sixpence each. Members to be entitled to vote at General Meetings, and also to attend the Monthly Meetings of the Society. Members will also be privileged to introduce a friend at the Monthly Meetings.

WINTER EXHIBITION.
Arrangements will be made in the course of the present year for the establishment of members of the Society of a Winter Exhibition, of which further particulars will be duly announced.

SYDNEY BRANCH. ALLIANCE FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF LONDON.

THE undersigned issue Policies at the reduced rate of premium.
THACKER AND CO.,
441, George-street.

SYDNEY RAILWAY COMPANY.
THE SECOND RAILWAY CONTRACT.
NOTICE is hereby given, that the time for receiving tenders for this Contract is extended to Monday, the 10th day of November next.

By order of the Board,
CHARLES COWPER.
NEW BRIDGE AT WINDSOR.
TENDERS will be received by the Commissioners of Windsor Road Trust, on or before nine o'clock a.m., on Saturday, the 1st of November next, for the erection of a new Bridge over the South Creek, at Windsor.

The plan and specification lies for inspection at the Office of Mr. Laban White, at Windsor, and Mr. D. M'Beath, of Penrith. Surveyors of Roads, will attend there on Thursday, the 23rd instant, to point out the site, and give every information required.

The Trust will not bind themselves to accept the lowest tender.
SAMUEL CALLAWAY,
Secretary to the Trust.
Windsor, October 13, 1851. 7287

A NEW COACH TO THE TURON DIGGINGS, AND NO MISTAKE.
MESSRS. KENDALL AND WHEATLEY respectfully take this opportunity to request the public, that they will run their new coach from Sydney to the Turon daily, on and after the first of October next.

Foras to and from Sydney to the Turon, three pounds. R. and W. wish to appreciate all passengers, and those unacquainted with the Western Interior, that the Razorback is only two miles from the township of Salford and the Golden Plains.

Booking Offices as follows:—
The Bath's Head, George-street, Sydney.
Mr. Treadwell's, White Horse Cellar, Parramatta.
Mr. J. Anderson's, Star Inn, Penrith.
Mr. William Whelan's, Coach and Horses, Parramatta.
Mr. G. Kendall's, Coach and Horses, Hartley.
Mr. T. Kewen's, at the Turon. 6525

BLUE MOUNTAIN INN, BATHURST ROAD.
MR. JACOB MYERS, late of Yass, has the pleasure to inform Travellers between Sydney and the Gold Districts, that he has opened a new house in the township of Bathurst, in the company of Mr. J. Myers, who is well known to the public, and the situation of which is 40 miles from the metropolis, and 20 from Bathurst, adapted to so peculiarly for a halting place.

The extent and arrangement of the buildings offer accommodation for guests of every class, privacy and retirement for ladies and families, or the sociability of the table d'hôte for gentlemen who wish to mix in the moving world, and learn the news of the road while enjoying the beauty of the surrounding scenery and the salubrity of the climate render it a most eligible spot for an invalid desirous to recruit his health by the fresh breeze of the hills, or the man of business seeking enjoyment in a country holiday.

The stables, paddocks, &c., are large and commodious.
The house has been newly furnished and stocked with articles of the best quality, not merely of comfort but of luxury. Particular care has been bestowed in the selection of the Wines, &c., &c.; a superior stock of which will always be kept up.

By close attention to the wants of his customers, and moderation in his charges, Mr. Myers hopes to merit and secure public support and approbation.
N.B.—Carriage supplied with hay and corn, on very reasonable terms. 6551

SOUTH GRAFTON GENERAL STORE.
THE Subscriber begs most respectfully to express his very sincere thanks to the numerous friends, who have patronized his General Store, since he commenced business as a GENERAL STOREKEEPER, at South Grafton, with a new and well assorted stock of Drapery, Groceries, Wines, Spirits, &c., &c., which he is determined to sell at the very smallest remunerating profit.

AUSTRALIAN RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY.

LARGE arrivals of new and interesting religious publications, have recently been received, and are now on sale at the Depot of the above Society, corner of Pitt and King streets, consisting of History, Biography, Tales, &c.; also, a great variety of very attractive illustrated works for the young.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.
ENGLISH, FRENCH, AND GERMAN TRACTS.
The cheap monthly publications of the Society are deserving of particular notice, comprising upwards of 40 vols., of 192 pages each, on various subjects of general interest, such as Lives of the Popes, Life of Cyrus, Mohammed, Caesar, Napoleon, Luther, Cranmer, Lavater, Life's Last Hours, The Atmosphere, The Senses and the Mind, Good Health, how to get it and how to keep it, Magic and Pretended Miracles, Astronomy, Schools of Ancient Philosophy, Court of Persia, Egypt, Idumes, Jerusalem, Jona, London Ancient and Modern, Birds, Fruits and Flowers, &c., &c.

In cloth and gilt, 1s. each.
Green paper covers, 6d. each.
Illustrated and other Bible Commentaries.
The Paragraph Bible, royal 11mo., very useful for family reading, 6s. 6d.

Short Comments on the Holy Scriptures, 10s. Cruden's Concordance, royal 8vo. 14s. Picture Bible and Testament for the Young Scripture Illustrated Biblical Atlas

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NEW SOUTH WALES AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

A LARGE supply of Bibles and Testaments of all kinds in various languages, just received, and on sale at the Depot of the above Society, corner of Pitt and King streets.

Special attention is called towards the large stock of elegant Pulpit and Family Bibles, handsomely bound in morocco and gilt, large paper type, with marginal references, from 12s. 6d. to 35s.
Diamond Testaments, gilt, 6d. each.
Diamond Bibles, gilt, 1s. 6d. each.
School Testaments, strongly bound, 6d. each.
School Bibles, ditto ditto, 1s. each.
The Gospels in Chinese, 4s. a set.
Hebrew Bibles

Testaments
SAMUEL GOOLD, Depository,
7397 308, Corner of Pitt and King streets.

MESSRS. M'ARTHUR AND ATKINSON respectfully inform their numerous friends and the public that in order to avoid a loss which would probably have occurred had they submitted the remaining portion of the stock of the late firm to auction, they have thought it better to give their customers the advantage, and have, therefore, made arrangements by which they are enabled to make a still further reduction upon former prices, and to sell many articles at or under first cost.

They have also added to their stock within the last few days, a large and varied assortment of goods suitable for the present season, ex Mohawk and Phœnician, which will be sold at low prices for cash.

The system of conducting business which has hitherto secured to the late firm so large a share of patronage and support from a discerning public, will be strictly adhered to in future. The lowest price will invariably be asked for each article, so that no advantage may be taken of the inexperience of any purchaser. Country orders will receive the strictest attention, and will be executed as carefully and as cheaply as if the goods were personally selected. Dealers, country storekeepers, and the trade will find the wholesale department well supplied with a large stock of general Drapery Goods, which will be sold for the smallest possible remunerating profit.

M.A. and A. wish to avoid making any statements which they are not fully prepared to prove to be correct, but having an experienced buyer at home (being in the habit of importing largely on their own account direct from the first manufacturers in England, Scotland, and Ireland), and, at the same time, being in a position to avail themselves of any temporary depression which may arise from an overabundant stock in this market, and occasion goods to be sold below their intrinsic value, they have perfect confidence in asserting that they can offer inducements both to wholesale and retail customers which cannot be surpassed by any other house in the colony.

287 and 289, Pitt-street, October 18, 1851. 7685

SUMMER HATS.

B. MOUNICASTLE invites the attention of the public to his recent importation of SUMMER HATS, direct from the first manufacturers in England. On inspection they will be found to combine all the beauty and durability of the celebrated Paris Hat, with that perfect ventilation absolutely essential to health in New South Wales.

B. M. having also received materials for the manufacture of the same description, can supply any shape or size to order.
A large stock of Opie and Thum not Pale Hats, warranted waterproof. Also, Black and dark Green Hats, Black and dark Blue Hats, Ladies' Riding Hats.

An assortment of Cloth Caps, Military, Naval, and Library Trimmings. French Hat Manufactory,
77, Market-street. 7101

FRENCH STAY WAREHOUSE.

311, Pitt-street, Sydney.
VICTOR PROTOIS, in returning his sincere thanks to his customers and the public in general for the kind patronage bestowed upon his establishment, begs they will continue to honour him with the same favour; and he has now the pleasure to inform them that he has received, per last arrival, an assortment of goods comprising—
 Muslins, French and English.
 Printed and plain bareges, ditto ditto.
 Organdies, ditto ditto.
 Tulle, ditto ditto.
 Alpines, a new material for dresses.
 Prints and cambrics.
 Gloves of every description.
 Stockings ditto ditto.
 Gent's and children's socks.
 Ditto ditto boys' shirts.
 Ladies' under linen.
 Gent's and ladies' vests and drawers.
 Ladies' and children's boots and shoes.
 Perfumery, French and English.
 1000 pairs French stays, from 18 to 36 inches.
 200 yards coutille Francaise pour corset, one case thread and Valenciennes lace of all widths.
 A large assortment of French and English bonnets, suitable for the present season. 7624

A HOME FOR THE GOLD MINERS.—The BUSH TENT, 5 feet square by 8 feet high, for Thirty-five Shillings; on view at J. R. TORR'S, Free Trade Hall, 96, King-street.
 The great desideratum, namely, facility of carriage, which this Tent affords, it being easily portable, weighing only twelve pounds, together with its durability, lowness of price, great durability of material, &c., &c., singularly adapt it to the convenience and comfort of Gold Miners. On reaching their destination, where a prompt and effective shelter is of paramount importance, and for this purpose the Bush Tent has been especially constructed. 7656

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.
 Great Service to all parties requiring Outfits for the Diggings.
THE PROPRIETOR OF WATERLOO HOUSE, King-street, has determined to submit the Entire Stock of Linen and Woollen Drapery, Ready-made Clothing, Hosiery, Haberdashery, &c., to an immediate and unreserved sale, without the slightest regard to cost.
 The Shop and Tailoring Department will be closed for a few days, to prepare and re-mark the goods; and further particulars will appear in a future advertisement.
 The Lease of the premises to be disposed of. 7776

TO DRAPERS, SHIPPERS, STOREKEEPERS, &c.—The undersigned has received, ex late arrivals, a large and varied assortment of plain and fancy Drapery, which, in addition to their usual extensive assortment, they are determined to sell at very low rates.
WM. DRYAN AND CO.
 7864 Warehouseman, 391, Pitt-street North.
TO STOREKEEPERS, SETTLERS, &c.
ROSSITER AND LAZARUS, Wholesale Drapers and Importers, GEORGE-STREET, nearly opposite the Bank of New South Wales, would beg to direct the attention of the above to their large and varied stock of DRAPERY, CLOTHING, WOOLLEN STUFFS, &c., suitable for the approaching season.
 Next Mr. Barnett, Wholesale Grocer. 489

COURT DRESS OF GEORGE I.—The undersigned has for sale, a most complete superb dress of the above period, including sword, &c. Price £25.
R. M. LINDSAY, Kent-street, near the Hunter River Wharf. 7759

PERFUMERY.
 The undersigned has just received a few cases of Houbigan Chardin's celebrated perfumery, containing
 Ambered lavender
 Spirit of lavender
 24 assorted scents
 Eau de Cologne
 Anti-itch vinegar
 Pomatums
 Philocome, &c.
D. N. JOUBERT, 680, George-street. 6643

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.
Ex Pharmacia and Eliza Caroline.
 The undersigned begs to acquaint his customers, and **STOREKEEPERS** and **DRUGGISTS** generally, that he has just received by the above vessels, 97 PACKAGES OF DRUGS, &c., and he takes this opportunity of reminding purchasers of Medicines, that as his stock is REPLENISHED EVERY THREE MONTHS, from one of the most respectable Houses in London, they may always rely on obtaining from his establishment articles of THE VERY BEST description, at prices which cannot fail to give satisfaction.
JOHN ROW, 98, King-street, Sydney. 6705

DARLING NURSERY, SYDNEY.
 The undersigned has on sale, at reduced prices:—
 Stove plants
 Greenhouse plants
 Hardy plants
 Ornamental trees
 Fruit trees
 Forest trees
 Flower seeds
 Vegetable seeds
 including many varieties never before offered to the public of New South Wales.
T. W. SHEPHERD, N.B.—Glazed cases always on hand, ready for shipment to any part of the world.
 The trade supplied on liberal terms. 688

GOLD purchased at the highest market price by
L. AND S. SPYER, Spring-street. 6892

GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES.

The Largest and Best Assortment in the Colony. Just Landed, ex Philadelphia and Eliza Caroline.
THE ADVERTISER would particularly recommend the attention of the public to the above **Exquisite Assortment**, and more particularly those who are in want of a **Really Good Timekeeper**, for never has he had an opportunity of doing so with greater confidence than at present, the whole of the watches received by the above vessels, having been carefully examined and regulated in positions before leaving the manufacturer's hands; nothing more is therefore necessary to insure their proper performance, than merely winding of them up.
Silver Patent Lever Watches, in double backed engine-turned cases, capped and jewelled, detached escapement maintaining power, and all the recent improvements. 4 10 0
Silver Patent Lever Watches, in double backed engine-turned cases, highly finished 4-plate movements, jewelled in 10 holes, compensation balance hands to mark the seconds, with silver or enamelled dials, detached escapement maintaining power, and all the recent improvements. 5 5 0
Gold Patent Lever Watches, in double backed engine-turned cases, highly finished 4-plate movements, jewelled in 10 holes, compensation balance hands to mark the seconds, with gold and extra hard enamelled dials, detached escapement maintaining power, and all the recent improvements. 10 12 6
Silver Horizontal Watches, jewelled in 4 holes, in double backed engine-turned cases, set hands at back, gold joints to cases, with going barrel to continue the action while winding. 3 10 0
Gold Horizontal Watches, jewelled in 4 holes, 4-plate movements, in double backed engine-turned cases, set hands at back, with elegantly embossed gold dials, going barrels to continue the action while winding, and all the recent improvements. 5 17 6
 Every watch sold at this establishment is warranted for two years, and a written guarantee given, should the watch require fresh oil, or other attention within the period of warranty it will be done free of charge; after that time, it will be cleaned and adjusted on the payment of 3s. 6d. if of the patent lever construction, or 4s. if of the horizontal; and no further charge will be made for attention during the then succeeding two years.
 The expense of repairing a watch which has been accidentally broken, (or of one by another maker), may be known by enquiry at the time of its being left; the skill with which a watch is repaired and adjusted is of almost as much importance as its quality; the best watch, cleaned by an unskilful workman, will not go well. Possibly it may be an exaggeration to say, that more watches are spoiled by being placed in the hands of inexperienced workmen than are worn out by the public, for the injury which a bad workman does is often of a kind that can never after be satisfactorily rectified.
 Gold Guard Chains, in great variety
 Ditto Albert Chains and Keys
 Ladies' Neck Chains and Chatelaines
 These Chains are all of the most new and elegant designs, being all London-made, and are warranted of the very best quality. The price is regulated according to the weight—thus, for example
 A Chain weighing 2 sovereigns £ 2 10 0
 Ditto ditto 3 sovereigns 3 10 0
 Ditto ditto 4 sovereigns 4 10 0
 London-made Sterling Silver Guard Chains 0 12 6
 Best English Lunette Watch Glasses, fitted for One Shilling.
D. DAVIS, 475, George-street. 6950

REAL PEBBLE SPECTACLES.—Warranted real Pebble Spectacles, from Eleven shillings and sixpence to Fourteen shillings.
GOOGLES ON EYE PROTECTORS, for preserving the sight from being injured by dust, from Two shillings and threepence.
AT M. BIRNSTINGL'S. 7739

RICHARD COWAN
HAS on hand, and will sell at the following unprecedented low prices, (Terms, cash).
 Hunt's superior port wine, at 5s. and 6s. per gallon
 Superior sherry wines, at 4s. 6d. and 6s. 6d. ditto
 Prime old Madeira, at 7s. ditto
 675 dozen Sandeman's celebrated port wine, at 15s. per dozen
 223 cases, each 1 dozen, "Duff Gordon's" sherry, at 17s. 6d. ditto
 575 half-cases pin, at 10s. each
 187 cases French brandy, each 1 dozen, at 30s. ditto
 "Martell's" genuine brandy, at 13s. 6d. per gallon
 Fine old West India rum, at 7s. ditto
 Scotch and Irish whiskey, at 10s. ditto
 Byas's ale and porter, at 8s. 6d. per dozen
 Barclay's stout, at 8s. ditto
 "REIBET" COTTAGE STORES, (Down the Archway), 3400 South of the Post Office.
 Sydney, October 11. 7368

TYPES.—On Sale, at the Stores of the undersigned, the remainder of the stock of Types, belonging to the late Mr. THOMAS TAYLOR, of King-street, in lots to suit purchasers, at reduced prices.
ASPINWALL AND CHALDER, 2547 Bank-court, King-street.

TO BAKERS AND MILLERS.—The undersigned has on hand, per ship Dublin, from Liverpool, for sale Ovens, Tubs and Welch Lumps, of all sizes; Wedge Fire Bricks, for fire arches; Fire Clay, in 3 cwt. casks; which he will sell to the trade at reasonable prices.
GEORGE WILKIE, 7366

RICHARD COWAN

HAS on hand, and will sell at such prices as must insure a first-rate article.
TERMS, CASH:
 Congee Tea (best brand) 4 17 6
 Hysonskin (ditto) 3 14 6
 Gunpowder Tea (superior quality), per lb. 0 2 0
 No. 2 Mouth Cigars, in half boxes, each 1 14 6
 Colonial and Netherland Tobacco, of various brands
 Erbank's patent Nails, 2 inch to 4 inch, per cwt. 1 5 0
 Pint Pickles (English), per dozen 0 7 6
 Quart ditto ditto, per dozen 0 11 0
 163 Cases (each 10 gross) Pipes, per gross 0 1 8
 With a large assortment of Groceries and Oilman's Stores too numerous to particularise.
REIBET COTTAGE STORES, 3 doors south of the General Post Office (down the archway).
 Sydney, October 11. 7368

ON SALE.
MARTELL'S AND HENNESSY'S BRANDY
 Rum, Jamaica, 30 o.p.
 Rum, West India, 10 to 30 o.p.
 Case gin (key brand)
 Pale brandy (very superior) in 1 dozen cases
 Taylor's and Trueman's stout
 Allsopp's ale
 Bottled ale and porter, Martell's
 Port wine (very superior) in 3 dozen cases
 Port wine, Sandeman's, ex North Eak, in 1, 2, and 3 dozen cases
 Sherry (very superior) in 1, 2, and 3 dozen cases
 Ditto, London bottled, in 3 dozen cases
 Port wine, in hogsheads and quarters
 Sherry, pale and gold, ditto ditto
 Marsala, in hogsheads and quarters
 Champagne, in 1 dozen cases
 Tea, Mauritius sugar
 Champion's vinegar
 Opossum rugs
 Flour
 Wine corks
 At the Stores of—
G. E. R. LINGARD, Circular Quay. 7689

SUMMER WINES.
WHITE and Red Colonial Wine, in wood and bottles
 Claret, "Fauille," in 1 dozen cases
 Ditto "Chateau Lafarge," ditto
 Sauterne, hock, buccella, champagne
 Port wine, sherry, and marsala, in quarter-casks and cases
 London bottled ale and porter
 Pale cognac brandy, holland gin, and rum.
D. N. JOUBERT, 589, George-street. 6644

TO PUBLICANS AND COUNTRY STOREKEEPERS.
CHEAP Strong Red Wine, of good quality, in pipes, hogsheads, and quarters, for sale by
D. N. JOUBERT, 589, George-street. 6641

FOR SALE, by the undersigned—
 Rum, W. L. 30 O.P., in puncheons, hogsheads, and barrels
 Ditto ditto, 10 ditto, in puncheons
 Brandy (Martell's pale) in 1 dozen cases
 Genera (red case), under and over proof
 Whiskey (Scotch), in hogsheads and quarter-casks
 Sherry (Amontillado), in quarter-casks
 Ditto pale, in hogsheads and quarter-casks
 Marsala, in ditto ditto
 Lisbon, in ditto
 Muscatel, in pints, 2 dozen cases
 Champagne, in quarts, 1 dozen cases
 Claret, in ditto, 1 dozen cases
 Sherry, in ditto, 1 dozen cases
 Port, in ditto, 2 and 3 dozen cases
 Mountain, in quarter-casks
 Ale
 Stout
 Tennent's, in hogsheads
 Ale, ditto, in quarts, 4 dozen cases
 Porter, ditto, in ditto, ditto ditto
 Ale, ditto, in pints, 7 dozen cases
 Ditto, Byas's, in quarts, 4 dozen cases
 Porter, ditto, in ditto, ditto ditto
 An invoice of Erbank's, and of horse-shoe nails
 Ditto painters' colours, turpentine, glue, and whitening
 Ditto stationery
 Ditto perfumery
 Soda
 Turnburs
 Earthenware
 Woolpacks, wool-bagging, and three bushel bags
 Sayer's magic stoves
 Liquorice
 Barcelona nuts
 Oilman's stores
 Spades and shovels
 Some sets miners' tools
 Yellow deals (assorted sizes)
 Hope (Belgian), a fine sample.
MONTEFIORE, GRAHAM, AND CO.

WOOLPACKS, BAGGING, AND THREE-BUSHEL SACKS.
ON SALE, at the stores of the undersigned—
 Woolpacks, 9, 9½, and 10 lbs.
 Woolbagging, 27-inch stout
 Heavy hemp three-bushel bags
 English cheese, double Gloucester and Cheddar, in prime condition
 Forty crates earthenware, well assorted
 Patent smutting machines
 Bookbinders' leather
 And,
 A general assortment of seasonable Drapery Goods, now landing by the last arrivals.
ASPINWALL AND CHALDER, Bank Court, King-street.
 October 11. 7349

TO GROCERS.—On sale, at the stores of the undersigned—
 10 kegs Colonial tobacco, made by Mr. Dark.
GEORGE D. CRAIG AND CO., Margaret-place. 7667

GOODS SUITABLE FOR MINERS.

NOW LANDING and on sale at the Stores of the Undersigned, to be sold cheap—
 Fine flour, in 100 lbs. bags
 Sugar, ditto ditto
 Blue serge shirts
 Scarlet ditto ditto
 Scarlet and white under shirts
 Mole skin trousers
 Blankets, assorted
 Boas
 Pickles, in pints and quarts
 Oiler, in bottle
 Martell's best brandy
 Canvas, assorted numbers
 Sewing twine
 Saddlery, assorted
 Kerosene drawers
 Patent sperm candles
 Also,
 Strong miners' boots
 J. and W. Byrnes' colonial tweed.
WATKINS AND DEAN, 22, Church-hill. 7442

SARDINES, SALAD OIL.
200 tins of $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ tins Sardines, in oil
 100 cases, 1 dozen each, olive oil, from Pignol, Marseilles
 1 invoice of Montarde de Maille, assorted French pickles and olives.
D. N. JOUBERT, 589, George-street. 6642

PRIME SALT BEEF.—The undersigned has for sale some superior parcels of Portland Bay and Port Phillip beef.
HENRY MOORE, Miller's Point, August 29. 4328

BELMONT SPERM CANDLES.—On sale, by the undersigned, (250) Two Hundred and Fifty Boxes of Belmont Sperm Candles, 35 lbs. each, at reduced prices.
A. FOSS, 313, Pitt-street North. 9756

BROOMS AND BRUSHES, in endless variety
 Perfumery, Combs, Scented Soap, Sponges, Carriage Mats, Playing Cards, Chess Boards, Workboxes, Writing Desks.
 On sale, wholesale and retail.
R. McDONALD, Brush and Perfumery Warehouse, 438, George-street. 5909

ROWLAND'S Genuine Macassar Oil for the growth of Hair, 3s. 6d., 7s., and 10s. 6d. bottles.
 On sale at—
R. McDONALD'S, Brush and Perfumery Warehouse, 438, George-street, one door North of King-street. 5901

PORTABLE Dressing Cases, Carpet Bags, Chamotte Skins, Belts, Walking Sticks, &c. Just received, a fresh supply.
R. McDONALD, Brush and Perfumery Warehouse, 438, George-street. 5908

SAXON MERINO PRIZE SHEEP.
 Ex Sophie, from Hamburg.
RAMS and **15 EWES**, the finest wool sheep ever imported, are on view at Buchanan's Wharf. Apply to
A. DREUTLER, or
KIRCHNER AND CO, 4673

VILLA SITES, Market Gardens, Railway Locations, Parramatta Road, Newtown, and Cook's River.
 Allotments of Land on the Peterham Estate for sale or lease, upon reasonable terms. Apply to Mr. C. LANGLEY, Surveyor, Pitt-street; or at Mr. T. J. Fisher's Chambers, Elizabeth-street North. 213

MONEY.
PERSONS going to the Diggings, requiring advances of money, may be accommodated at Holloway's Depot, No. 98, King-street West, by the undersigned.
J. E. HEYDON, 4280 Licensed Pawnbroker.

GOLD DUST.
THE undersigned will effect sales by **PUBLIC AUCTION**, at the very low commission of one-quarter per cent., which will cover all charges, except the cost of carriage.
 Advances made on gold intended for immediate sale.
 It is contemplated to hold a sale weekly for the above, of which miners and dealers in the interior would do well to avail themselves by forwarding their gold to the address at foot. Proceeds will be paid into either of the Sydney Banks, or remitted to a branch Bank to order.
 Purchases made of supplies of every kind, from proceeds or remittances, at a commission of one per cent., and forwarded by safe carriage, on the lowest possible terms.
JOHN G. COHEN, Licensed Auctioneer. 480, George-street. 6299

GOLD DUST purchased in any quantity, at the highest price, by
CRAWLEY AND SMITH, Campbell's Wharf. 7365

BATHURST GOLD.
THE undersigned will give the highest cash price for any quantity of Gold Dust.
GEORGE A. LLOYD, Auctioneer, City Mart, 474, George-street, June 27. 12837

THE undersigned are purchasers of
 Tallow
 Gold dust, and
 Emu skins.
MONTEFIORE, GRAHAM AND CO., Sydney, August 22. 3645

THE undersigned will advance on
WOOL or TALLOW, consigned to their friends, Messrs. Antony Gibbs and Sons, London, or Liverpool.
CRAWLEY AND SMITH, Campbell's Wharf. 7364

THE VICTORIA GOLD FIELDS.

The Melbourne and Geelong journals received yesterday's overland mail, contain very different accounts of the progress of the gold seekers to those with which they have amused their readers during the last fortnight. The arrival of the Government armed escort in Geelong, (by which conveyance the last number of the *Victoria Colonist* received by us stated, "that £17,000 worth of gold was en route to Geelong") had revealed the monstrous exaggerations of our Southern contemporaries whose love of the marvellous is proverbial. The total weight of gold brought down, after all these preliminary flourishes, is thus officially chronicled.

Yesterday, October 8th, the Government escort, in charge of Lieutenant Lidyard and four troopers, arrived at the Treasury, bringing one thousand two hundred and thirty-seven ounces of gold.

Still, however, hugging their fond delusion to the last, our contemporaries triumphantly add, that "the Sergeant in charge has told them that he was informed that more than double this quantity had been brought down by private parties, and that the success at the diggings was immense."

As the gold by private hands would soon get into the hands of the bankers, merchants, and other dealers in gold, we turn to the more sober commercial columns of our friends, and find in the following summary of the *Argus* what appears to be very like the truth:—

The tide has at length begun to ebb, and numbers who are convinced of the inexpediency of gold hunting under existing circumstances, are beginning to set their faces towards Melbourne. We have been informed that there are many at the diggings, who, instead of realising that amount of wealth which their excited imaginations led them to anticipate, are offering their services in any capacity, at the usual rate of wages; and there are some who are glad to work hard merely to earn a crust.

The prospecting parties, too, have met with such little success, that their labour would have been more adequately rewarded in other common laborious pursuits; and our informants assure us that, as the majority of the treasure-seekers are not paying their expenses, it is their firm conviction that before the expiration of many days at least two thousand men will have returned to the town. We may anticipate, then, that events will soon resume their usual course; it is to be hoped that the foretaste of disappointment experienced by so many, may, in the long run, be productive of good.—"Experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other."

Having quoted, at some length, the inflated published statements as to the finding of hundred and half hundred weights by various lucky individuals; of small parties making from £3000 to £4000 in four days; of an ounce of gold being freely given for a quarter of an ounce of tobacco, and other equally absurd inventions, the *Argus* inquires into the true results, and thus disposes of these fabrications:—

Now what are the real facts of the case?—How much gold is showing itself in the towns? Depend upon it, that it will very shortly find its way there when found. A digger does not bury his treasure in the ranges; he does not carry it about his person. When once possessed of a sum of any amount, his first thought is to convey it to a place of safety, the most ready means for which are afforded by the chief towns. The sums handed about here and Geelong, then, afford about as accurate a test of the success of the diggers as could well be supplied.

Now, adding together all the samples exhibited, how many of our readers have seen their proper proportion of these weekly harvests of little or hundreds of thousands of pounds? How many of them have seen even one thousand pounds worth? We have not, and from the courtesy of our merchants in furnishing us with data to prevent the misleading of the public, we are about in as favourable a position as foot men to see what quantities really are forthcoming. The weekly escort arrived yesterday. How much did it bring down? Five hundred ounces for the Government, value fifteen hundred pounds; three hundred and forty-five ounces for Geelong, value twelve hundred pounds; three hundred and forty-five ounces for Melbourne, value about a thousand pounds; total value three thousand seven hundred pounds.

What lesson does this sum teach, when compared with the inflated reports we hear bruited about on all sides?

It teaches us that we are acting the part of children, pleased with the rattle and glitter of a new toy. It teaches us that we are rivaling the folly of the dog, who dropped the substance in snatching at the shadow. It teaches us that we are lending ourselves willingly to a pleasing dream, but it should also teach us that the waking may, to many of us, be terrible indeed.

We have no wish to disparage our gold field; we do not seek to step in between any man and his visions of sudden fortune. But we look with the warmest sympathy upon the unfortunate result to many amongst us of the deluge of the last week or two; we predict the early advent of a reaction, which will be disastrous to a degree; we would impress upon all such as are not yet thoroughly inoculated with the yellow fever, that they be cautious of infection, and we would urge upon newspaper conductors, newspaper writers, and even private gossips, that there is deliberate wickedness in pandering to the passions of the time, and by false or too highly coloured reports, betraying unthinking men to their misery and ruin.

In the face of these unmistakable proofs of the falsity of the generally of reports put forth by some of the other journals, it is truly ridiculous to read extracts from private letters from correspondents, exceeding, if possible, the extravagance of former reports. We are gravely told in the *Geelong Advertiser*, of a party of seven making £1000 in one day; of one

man filling and washing a dishful of earth, and, in twenty minutes extracting from it two pounds and a-half of gold, having previously refused £100 for the unwashed dish of earth; and of many other "guaranteed" facts; the correspondent winding up by solemnly asserting, that "it is of no use to tell the whole truth, for nobody would believe it." If the writer gets simpletons to believe one-half of what he has told, he deserves full credit for his inventive talent.

The Lieutenant-Governor returned to Melbourne on the 7th instant. His stay at Ballarat was a very brief one.

On the previous Saturday, writes a correspondent of the *Melbourne Herald*, his Excellency held a meeting at Ballarat, and addressed the miners, by whom he was most enthusiastically received. His Excellency pointed out to them the injury likely to accrue to our splendid colony if the crops could not be respected for labour, and expressed his desire to withdraw the licenses to dig for a couple of months, until the harvest was fairly housed, during which time each man's allotted space should be carefully guarded, and returned to him. To the credit of the miners, this proposition was most warmly responded to by a very large majority, so that our harvest may now be considered safe. A long conversation then took place between his Excellency and the meeting, respecting the shortness of the present supply of water for mining purposes, when a plan was devised by which this might be remedied, by damming up the stream at different portions of it. Throughout the whole time, Mr. La Trobe was warmly cheered, and the result of the meeting was most satisfactory.

COUNCIL PAPER.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF ENQUIRY ON THE GENERAL POST OFFICE.

The Board appointed by His Excellency the Governor, as notified in the Colonial Secretary's letter of the 17th December, 1850, addressed to the Colonial Treasurer, President of the Board, and accompanying this report, to investigate and report upon:—

1st. The general management of the Post Office Department.
2nd. The system of checks in operation on its various officers. And
3rd. To offer any suggestions for the improvement of the system in force, and to respect, and of the general efficiency of the department:—

have agreed upon the following report.
In pursuance of the above instructions, and with the view of affording the public an opportunity of bringing under our notice any complaints they might wish to make, or any suggestions they might desire to offer, with reference to the management of the Post Office department, we caused the following advertisement to be inserted in the *Government Gazette* and public newspapers:—

"The Board appointed by his Excellency the Governor to enquire into the management of the General Post Office, now hold their meetings on Wednesday and Friday in each week, at the Post Office, in George-street, where any communications (not anonymous) will be received."

"C. D. RIDDELL,
Chairman of Board."

This notice brought communications from various persons in Sydney and the country districts; some offering suggestions of more or less importance; others preferring complaints or proferring evidence.
To all of them the utmost consideration has been given, and their communications disposed of by the adoption of such of their suggestions as appeared to us valuable, by enquiring ourselves into the complaints of some, and referring others to the Postmaster-General for explanation and report, and by receiving the evidence of all those who had expressed a desire of tendering the same.

We also examined a number of other persons of character and intelligence, including the Postmaster-General himself, and most of the principal clerks in the establishment; and the Postmaster-General submitted to us a statement in reply to the evidence taken, and all books and documents in the office, which we desired to inspect.

The names of all the parties examined are inserted in the margin, and the evidence elicited, together with the general management of the Post Office department, are appended to this report.
Lastly, we proceeded to inspect the Post Office, accompanied by the Colonial Architect. At the commencement of our proceedings, the Postmaster-General intimated his desire to be present at the Board to watch over the proceedings, and cross-examine the witnesses. This proposition appeared to us objectionable, as tending to embarrass the investigation, by leading to a course of intimidation, contention, and recrimination, utterly beyond the power of the Board to control or restrain.

It was not the personal character or conduct of the Postmaster-General that we had to enquire into, but into the general management of the Post Office department over which he presided, and in the result of which he was but in degree more interested than any other person on the establishment.

We, however, conceded that the evidence taken should day by day be transmitted to the Postmaster-General for his information and guidance, coupled with an intimation that he might have any witness re-called for re-examination that he thought proper, or might tender other evidence to rebut that taken.

Having disposed of the above preliminary points, we proceeded, first, to report the result of our enquiries into the various matters submitted to our investigation, in the order in which they occur in the Colonial Secretary's letter of instructions, classing the same under different heads; and then to submit such suggestions to His Excellency the Governor as have forced themselves upon our minds after the most mature deliberation, for the more efficient management of the Post Office department, and for securing to the public all the advantages they have a right to expect from such an establishment.

GENERAL MANAGEMENT.

This we find very defective.
1st.—There is an evident want of well organized system throughout the establishment, and the business is conducted in a loose and irregular manner.

2nd.—There is an absence of efficient control on the part of the Postmaster-General, and a want of proper subordination on the part of some of those placed under his superintendence.

3rd.—Party spirit prevails to a considerable extent, and its baneful influence pervades, more or less, the whole establishment; and there does not exist that unanimity and cordial co-operation amongst its numerous officers which is essential to the proper discharge of the important duties entrusted to them.

4th.—Few of the officers appear to be imbued with a proper sense of the importance and necessity of discharging the duties entrusted upon them. To some of them it appears a small matter whether letters or newspapers, and more especially the latter, are detained longer in the Post Office than absolutely necessary, or not.

5th.—The complaints of the public do not receive the redress to which they are entitled, and many persons have ceased to complain, from a conviction of its being useless to do so. The Postmaster-General, in answer to such complaints, generally contented himself with advising, "that he is satisfied with the result of the enquiries he had made," without submitting the grounds of his satisfaction to the party complaining.

6th.—The country postmasters appear to be subjected to little or no control; all have been allowed to get into arrears, many of them to an extent far beyond the amount for which their surties are liable, and in some cases greater than the stoppage of their salaries for several years consecutively would enable the Government to recover. And

7th.—Although the Act of Council which requires all clerks in the Post Office to give security for the faithful discharge of their duties has now been in force for upwards of fourteen months, yet no such security has up to this period been given.

This very defective management we attribute to various causes.
1st.—To the fact, that the present and daily increasing postal requirements of the community have outgrown the capabilities of the department as at present constituted. Established many years ago to meet the limited wants of a small society—not, as now, widely dispersed; and presided over for so long a period by the present Postmaster-General, a gentleman far advanced in years, it is not much to be wondered at, that its present imperfect management should partake, in a great degree, of the infirmity of habit.

2nd.—To the circumstance of so many of the Postmaster-General's family or connections being employed on the establishment, and all holding situations in its higher department, thereby engendering a feeling of discontent and jealousy in the minds of the others officers, and involving the suspicion of a partial distribution of favour and indulgence on the part of their superior. And
3rd.—To the very inadequate accommodation afforded by the present Post Office, to meet the vast extent of business now required to be carried on there.

THE SYSTEM OF CHECKS IN OPERATION.

We regret to report that we consider there are in effect no checks, properly so called, in operation at all, either as regards the money collected by the letter carriers, or taken at the receiving and delivery windows by the clerks stationed there, or of the sums actually paid over to the Postmaster-General, as so collected or derived from other sources.

It was alleged by the Postmaster-General and his son, Mr. James Raymond, junior, the chief clerk in the Accountant's Department, that the method which the Accountant's Department had hitherto been kept, had had the sanction of a colonial Board in 1833, and of a Commission from the London Post Office, in 1845, neither of whom suggested any alteration; or improvement; and further, that the accounts so kept had been regularly audited by the Auditor-General.

This may be, and no doubt is, perfectly true. We, however, are not called upon either to review or take as our guide the proceedings and opinions of our predecessors in enquiry; but simply to report the result of our investigation; at the same time, we must be permitted to remark that the audit of accounts by the Auditor-General affords no guarantee that the public may not have been imposed upon.

He only ascertains that the accounts and vouchers submitted to his examination correspond with each other, and are clerically correct; and further that they are in conformity with the existing regulations, or otherwise warranted by some duly constituted authority; but whether those vouchers and accounts are founded on facts or otherwise, forms no part of his duty to enquire into.

In confirmation, however, of the correctness of the conclusions at which we have arrived, we have to state:—

1st.—There is no such thing as a cash book, showing debtor and creditor entries of moneys received and disbursed by the Postmaster-General, but in its stead there is a sort of memorandum book kept by the Postmaster-General, and in his own handwriting, and in which there are entries on one side only.

2nd.—It is admitted by Mr. Hunt, and all the other clerks examined on the point, that at the receiving window up to three o'clock only is there any check, and at the delivery window none whatever.

3rd.—There is no such thing as an intelligible account current kept with the Postmaster-General himself or with any of the country postmasters, by which the state of their accounts could at any moment be readily ascertained; and it was with the utmost difficulty we could obtain from James Mr. Raymond, the accountant, a statement showing the balance due by each of the country postmasters to the Government on the 30th September last,—the latest period to which he stated it was possible to make their accounts up; though out of a hundred and one accounts, eighty-eight were made up monthly, and but thirteen quarterly.

4th.—The amount overdue by the country postmasters to the Government on the 30th September last was, in round numbers four

thousand two hundred and sixty-eight pounds. This very large amount, however, the accountant stated, had been since very considerably reduced by remittances; at the same time he admitted that those remittances might have been made from public moneys, received by the country postmasters, since the 30th September; and that, in fact, the balances, for anything he knew to the contrary, might remain the same now as then. This statement appears the more extraordinary, as Mr. Usher, who makes up the accounts of the country postmasters, stated, that the monthly ones could, with very few exceptions, be furnished within six weeks from the end of any given month, but that the quarterly ones, which comprised very remote localities, would require a longer time to make up.

5th.—It was stated by Mr. Abbott, and admitted by Mr. James Raymond, jun., that in compiling the accounts kept by the Postmaster-General, with those kept by Mr. Abbott, which was occasionally done by those gentlemen, Mr. Abbott retained possession of his own book, and Mr. James Raymond that of his father, the former gentleman reading out the items from his, and Mr. James Raymond tacitly assenting to the correctness of the Postmaster-General's entries as corresponding therewith.—Mr. Abbott's book being made up of originally loose sheets of accounts, long subsequently pasted into it,—than which a more imperfect check could hardly be devised.

6th.—The Bank Pass Book appears to be the foundation of the only cash account that is kept in the Post Office department. And

7th.—That whatever the nature of the accounts kept in the Post Office establishment is, it is perfectly clear the Postmaster-General has the entire control of the cash, and renders his own account of its appropriation, notwithstanding there is an accountant, with assistants under him, attached to the establishment. But had it been otherwise,—had the accountant exercised the most vigilant check over the cash receipts and expenditure of the Postmaster-General,—still the relative position in which they stand to each other, (that of father and son,) would have been a complete bar to the existence of anything like confidence on the part of the public; and hence another evil arises from employing so many members of the same family in the same public office.

These irregularities and this absence of efficient checks we trace to the same causes to which we have attributed the very defective management of the establishment generally; and to the additional circumstance of the accountant department being presided over by a gentleman who, by his own admission, is but very imperfectly acquainted with accounts.

Having thus reported the result of our enquiries into the various matters referred to our investigation, we proceed to submit, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor, suggestions for the more efficient management of the Post Office department.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Considering the nature and extent of the reforms so urgently required for the security of the revenue, and accommodation of the public, the age and increasing infirmities of the Postmaster-General, and above all, the fact of his having been so long at the head of a family system, the defects of which he has failed to correct or perceive, we are constrained to believe that such extensive reforms could never be carried into effect under the administration of the present Postmaster-General.

We therefore strongly recommend that that gentleman should be allowed to retire on a pension of such an amount as his long public services may justly entitle him to receive. In making this recommendation, we owe it to Mr. Raymond to state, and we do so with the utmost satisfaction, that in the whole course of our long and laborious enquiry, nothing transpired, in the slightest degree, affecting his reputation as a man of honor, or his character for probity and zeal as a public servant.

We would next suggest that some gentleman of energy and business habits, possessed of firmness and decision of character, and well calculated to exercise that vigilant superintendence so much needed in every branch of the establishment, should be appointed Postmaster-General. And we think it would tend greatly to the advantage of the public service if he were invested with extensive powers, (subject to the control of His Excellency the Governor), as to the employment of clerks; the increase or reduction of their salaries, according to their competency or otherwise, (without reference to seniority); their removal from one branch of the establishment to another; and finally, to their absolute dismissal if found idle, profligate, or incompetent.

With respect to Mr. James Raymond, jun., and Mr. R. A. Hunt, the two officers next in rank to the Postmaster-General, the former being at the head of the accountant department, and the latter at the head of the letter department, we beg to refer to our previous remarks upon the party spirit existing in the establishment, and to the evidence given by those two gentlemen; and we deem it worthy the serious consideration of His Excellency the Governor, whether it would not be to the advantage of the public service, and greatly facilitate the proceedings of the new Postmaster-General in his course of reform, if the services of the above two gentlemen were transferred to some other public departments.

Should it however be deemed expedient to retain the services of one or both in the Post Office establishment, we would suggest they should be strictly enjoined to eschew all party feeling themselves, and to discourage it in others under their immediate control; and that they should labour to perform the services required of them to the satisfaction of the government and advantage of the public.

We however feel bound to record it as our decided opinion, that Mr. James Raymond, jun., is not qualified to preside over the accountant department.

ACCOUNTS.

In this department great changes are necessary, and we would recommend:—
1st.—That the Postmaster-General should have nothing whatever to do with the cash.
2nd.—That the contractors and country postmasters should be paid direct from the Treasury, and not through the Postmaster-General. Every contractor and country

at the Sydney Globe, formerly of the late John Bette, Esq., with large rare opportunity of buying a first-rate article at their own price. Kedge marbles, sponge mugs & various other articles. A dozen gold buttons.

postmaster being required to produce a certificate from that officer to the Treasurer, that he had no claims upon the former for breach of contract, nor upon the latter for postage and stamps beyond the ordinary amount of credit allowed them, and to which they might be entitled.

3rd.—That a senior clerk should be appointed secretary and cashier, (with one clerk under him), whose duty it should be to conduct the correspondence, receive all moneys, and make all payments, in accordance with instructions furnished him by or through the Postmaster-General.

4th.—That there should be a properly qualified Accountant appointed, with one clerk under him at all times, and an extra one in addition, until a proper set of books are opened, and the accounts of the country postmasters and contractors are brought into an intelligible and satisfactory state.

5th.—That the accounts for stamps furnished to the country postmasters should be kept quite distinct from their postage accounts, and that they should be required to remit the amount due for stamps previously issued, at the time they intend for a new supply; and further, that they should transmit monthly to the Postmaster-General, (if not often), any sums of money they may have received for postage, no matter at what period their accounts may be made up.

6th.—That a "stamp account" should be opened by the accountant, in which should be entered not only the number of stamps of each description received and issued, but also their respective money values; and that the clerk in charge of the stamp department, in the Post Office, should have his account of receipts and issues checked, by comparing the one with the other, and counting the number, and ascertaining the value of the stamps he really has on hand, and seeing whether or no they corresponded with the number and value which his accounts show he ought to be possessed of.

7th.—That all blank forms used in the Post Office, should be bound up into books, and the pages numbered in printed figures before being used, so as to prevent one sheet being substituted for another, without detection.

And

8th.—The letter bills as at present made out we consider very complete and satisfactory, and have no alterations to suggest.

We cannot close our remarks on this important branch of the establishment without advising to the country postmasters, that the country postmasters to the Government on the 30th September last, which we have every reason to believe, are still undiminished; and, notwithstanding the Postmaster-General's opinion to the contrary, we are very apprehensive that a considerable loss will be sustained by the revenue in the collection of them, however prudently managed. Neither can we agree with the Postmaster-General in the necessity or expediency of sanctioning the system of credit given by the country postmasters to the public, or of their being allowed to retain any considerable amount of collections in their hands. On this subject, we are, both measures as highly objectionable, in every point of view, and not least so as they affect the legal responsibility of the parties who have become their sureties.

And we would suggest the propriety of revising the bonds now given by the country postmasters, and that it might be expedient to make the penalties proportionate to the amount of public moneys passing, or likely to pass, through the hands of the postmaster, of having one uniform penalty, as at present.

STAMPS.

These we consider should be struck off in the Treasury, or some other public department, under the supervision of the Inspectors of Stamps, and issued as so much money by the Treasurer, or some other officer, to the Postmaster-General, upon a requisition from that officer. And to facilitate the preparation of stamps, of letters required to be sent beyond the colony, and the payment of fees chargeable upon "toil" and "registered" letters, and upon letters which, from their weight, would require several stamps of small value to represent the postage payable thereon, without the necessity of taking money at the receiving window, we think it would be advisable to have a proper proportion of shilling and sixpenny stamps struck off in addition to those already in use.

The present allowance of four per cent. to parties purchasing twenty-five stamps should, we think, be discontinued, and an allowance of five per cent. be granted to the public, of stamps of the value of five pounds and upwards.

Such an allowance would probably induce stationers and others to keep a supply of stamps on hand for sale to the public, thereby lessening, if not altogether removing, the demand for stamps at the Post Office window.

The stamp department should, as much as possible, be kept separate from the other departments of the Post Office; still it should remain under the control of the Postmaster-General, and the accounts should pass through the accountant's office.

To accomplish this object it would be necessary to remove the stamps from the letter delivery room; and this might be effected by appropriating the Postmaster-General's present private room for that purpose, giving him one of the up-stairs rooms in lieu thereof, three of which are at present occupied by five clerks in the accountant branch.

A small window could easily be opened from the room pointed out to the lobby or passage, at which stamps of every description, and in any quantities, should be sold to the public.

This department would of course be presided over by a clerk specially appointed for that purpose, and if its duties should not fully occupy his time, it would be for the Postmaster-General to direct what other duties he perform in addition thereto.

PRE-PAYMENTS.

Considering it highly desirable to have as little money as possible passing through the hands of clerks, letter carriers, and others, we would suggest, that the present Post Act should be amended, so as to render it obligatory on all persons to pre-pay their inland letters, as they now do letters going beyond the colony, and that such pre-payments should be made by stamps, except in cases where stamps could not be procured at the office in which the letters were posted.

To carry out this important measure, it would be necessary to keep the country postmasters properly supplied with stamps; and the arrival at the General Post Office of a letter pre-paid otherwise than by a stamp, would show that the postmaster of the place from whence it came had disposed of, and ought to have accounted for, the stamps with which he had been previously supplied.

LAURENCE WALKER.

We suggest that the pilots should be furnished with printed forms of questions, the answers to which should be written and signed by the master (or surgeon, if they should be one on board) of all vessels arriving from Great Britain and Ireland, and from such other ports and places as the Governor and Executive Council might determine upon. And if the questions specially relating to the health of the crew and passengers should be satisfactorily answered, then the mails, letters and newspapers might be delivered from the ship or vessel, although it might not have been previously boarded by the Health Officer, as is the practice with regard to mails arriving on the coast of England, in vessels from foreign ports, in which plague, cholera, or other virulent diseases, are not considered as prevalent.

We also think it very desirable that a contract should be entered into for the landing and shipping of mails; and that the contractor should be bound to have in his boat a steady respectable man as coxswain, whose duty it should be to sign and obtain receipts for all mails, letters, and newspapers, committed to his care; and that it is also deserving of consideration whether the conveyance of mails between the boats and General Post Office, and vice versa, might not be more economically performed by contract, or by the hire of licensed cabs, as occasion might require, than by the permanent employment of a man and horse, as at present. But on this latter point we had no conclusive evidence.

DEPARTURE OF MAILS.

We consider that increased convenience would be afforded to the public, if the mails were not despatched till six o'clock, instead of at five o'clock, as at present; and also if a longer time were allowed for posting newspapers.

Referring to the evidence of the Postmaster-General, and Mr. James Raymond, junior, on this subject, we do not concur in the opinions entertained by those gentlemen, that the expense of conveyance would be materially increased by the proposed alteration in the hour for despatching the mails; on the contrary, we can see no reasonable grounds whatever for such a conclusion.

RECEIVING LETTERS.

If our suggestions respecting prepayments should be adopted, there would be very little money taken at the receiving window, and from its small amount it might be very easily checked. But whatever the amount might be, we are of opinion that a steady experienced clerk should be stationed to collect it. The present practice of placing young inexperienced lads, the juniors on the establishment, to perform such a duty, we consider extremely objectionable, and we would suggest, that, as exposing them unnecessarily to great temptation. And

2nd.—From their not possessing that knowledge of the world, steadiness of character, and forbearance of manner, so much required on the part of those who have to be brought so constantly in contact with the public.

We would strongly recommend that letters posted in places beyond the colony, should be kept separate from inland letters, and that an opening, called the "Foreign Window" should be made in the centre front room of the present building for receiving the former, though their delivery might, as at present, be made by the clerk who delivers the inland letters, particularly as he would be relieved from the selling of stamps.

DELIVERY OF LETTERS.

We would suggest that there should be three deliveries of letters daily in Sydney, and that the letters should be despatched from the General Post Office at nine, one, and five o'clock.

Upon the moneys collected by the letter carriers there appears to be a check, though an imperfect one, but on those received at the window it is admitted there is none whatever; although there does not appear to be any difficulty in effecting so desirable an object, if the delivery clerk is relieved from the duty of distributing stamps.

We consider an efficient check would be obtained if the number of letters sent into the delivery room, and the amount of postage payable thereon, were entered daily in a book kept for that purpose, in which the clerk in charge should be debited with the amount of the postage to be received, and credited with the sums he pays each day to the cashier, who should either sign his book, or give a separate receipt for each payment; and further, at the end of stated periods, he should return all letters remaining in the delivery room, and receive credit for the postage due thereon, thus balancing his accounts.

Of the letters so returned, such of them as are likely to be called for within a short period, might be re-delivered and re-charged to him, and the others deposited in the Dead Letter Room; from which room we consider it highly desirable that the present large accumulation of old letters and newspapers should be removed and destroyed, or otherwise disposed of, in conformity with existing laws and regulations, and that measures should be adopted to prevent the Dead Letter Office from becoming again burdened with such an immense mass of unclaimed letters and newspapers.

We would further suggest, that the clerk in charge of the Dead Letter Room should be sworn to secrecy, as on him would devolve the duty of opening unclaimed letters, to ascertain the address of the writers.

NEWSPAPERS.

Although considerable improvement appears to have been lately made in the newspaper department, yet complaints continue of delays in their delivery; and a suspicion is entertained by the public that they are occasionally fully withheld from parties to whom they are addressed.

To remedy these evils it might be expedient to appoint a clerk with two sorters under him, as suggested by Messrs. Hunt, Abbott, and Stone, for their distribution, a separate room being appropriated for that purpose.

CONTRACTS FOR CARRIAGE.

The complaints of irregularities in the country Post Offices have been few, considering the difficulty of procuring respectable persons to undertake the duties, on salaries which, in some instances, do not exceed five or six pounds a year.

We would suggest that no Post Office should be established, or kept up, unless a competent person could be found on the spot, and who could obtain proper security; and that no postmaster should have a salary of less than ten pounds a year.

The salaries accorded to most of the postmasters within the nineteen counties, we consider amply sufficient to ensure the services of efficient men, however promptly they may hereafter be called upon to pay in the moneys they receive.

The Post Offices throughout the country should, we think, be placed under supervision. Those within the nineteen counties, under the district Inspectors of Police, and those beyond the boundaries under the Commissioners of Crown Lands.

The contractors for the conveyance of mails should also be subject to supervision by these officers.

MONEY ORDERS.

This subject has had our serious consideration, and although we are of opinion the Money Order System, (at present forming so important a branch of the British Post Office business) might be introduced with great advantage to the public, especially in facilitating direct exchanges between Sydney and the important towns of Bathurst, Goulburn, Maitland, and Brisbane, still we cannot advise the establishment of a Money Order branch, until the Post Office department has undergone a complete re-organization.

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE.

Although it might be desirable that the hours of attendance of all the officers, clerks, and others employed on the Establishment, should be fixed by the Postmaster-General, we still think he should have power and authority to detain all or any of them beyond the appointed hours of their attendance, whenever he should consider the service of the public required it; at the same time we think it not undeserving of consideration, whether some small gratuity might not be allowed the clerks for such overtime service, payable on the certificate and recommendation of the Postmaster-General.

We also recommend that an attendance book should be kept, in which should be entered the time of arrival at, and departure from the office, of every clerk employed on the Establishment, so that the amount of service rendered to the public by each individual officer or clerk, and the number of days any one of them might have been absent from his duties, through sickness or any other cause, could be readily ascertained.

We further consider it proper to recommend here, that some steady and respectable clerk should be, as usual, the cashier, as we consider it very objectionable that a public establishment, in which is deposited so much of value and deep interest both to the public and to individuals, should be left in charge, during the night, of a letter-carrier, or some other subordinate officer, who, occasionally with his associates, we have reason to believe, has not always kept the most reasonable hours.

THE PRESENT POST OFFICE.

This in our opinion, every ill adapted for the business required to be carried on in it; and its unsuitability will be more and more felt as that business increases; nor is it practicable, (according to the opinion of the Colonial Architect), to alter its extent, or to accommodate (save temporarily) so urgently required, owing to the walls and other parts of the building being in so dilapidated a state, and so weakened by repeated alterations.

Under these circumstances, and considering that the very large piece of ground on which the present Post Office stands is extremely valuable, and would, if sold, in all probability realize a sum nearly sufficient to cover the cost of erection of a new Post Office, we are of opinion that it would be greatly to the advantage of the public if a site were reserved on some of the ground in the Old Barrack Square, still undisturbed of, and a new Post Office erected thereon, on a scale suitable to the present and increasing wants of the community, and in keeping with the great improvements now going on in that quarter of the City; and that when completed, of any of which, we think, would be very suitable in point of situation.

Should this suggestion of ours be adopted, it would be desirable that a site should be selected as soon as possible, as the underear of applications have been already made to put up for sale some of the most eligible for the purpose; and pending the erection of a new building it would be for the Postmaster-General, with the aid of the Colonial Architect, to make such temporary alterations and arrangements as might be found practicable.

On reference to the plan of Barrack-square, as now laid out for sale, we find the allotments enumerated in the margin (1st. Nos. 17, 8, 19, and 20, section 1, with frontage to Barrack-street and York-street. 2nd. Nos. 13, 14, 15, and 16, section 1, with frontage to Wynyard-square and York-street. 3rd. Nos. 12, 14, 15, and 16, section 6, with frontage to Wynyard-square and Erskine-street. 4th. Nos. 10, 11, and 12, section 5, with frontage to George-street) still undisturbed of any of which, we think, would be very suitable in point of situation.

The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd are corner allotments, and therefore possess the advantage of two frontages. No. 4, the centre of a row of buildings, and contains three allotments only, and is of much greater value than the others.

The 1st is perhaps the most eligible, and is composed of allotments for which we believe applications for purchase have been made.

SALARIES OF CLERKS.

These we consider require some revision, and we would direct the attention of his Excellency the Governor to the inequality existing in the salaries of the clerks in the latter department, and those enjoyed by the clerks in the Accountant's department; the junior clerk in the latter, Mr. R. Peel Raymond, (whose duties we consider very unimportant) receiving a higher salary than either of the three principal clerks in the former (Messrs. Abbott, Gould, and Stone), whose duties are assuredly of a far more onerous and important character than those performed by Mr. R. P. Raymond. The inequality in

this particular instance cannot be attributed to seniority, as all four gentlemen received their appointments in the same year, (1841) and two of them on the same day.

CONCLUSIVE REMARKS.

There are several other subjects—such as extending the mail contracts to three years, as suggested by Mr. Hamilton—making up the "forward mails" at the Post Office of the principal country towns, instead of at the General Post Office, as at present, as recommended by Mr. Hunt and others—keeping open the country Post Offices two hours on a Sunday instead of one, or closing them altogether on that day, with various other matters of minor importance, which for want of local or other information, we do not feel competent to pronounce any decided opinions upon, and which we think would receive all the attention to which they are entitled, if the evidence and correspondence connected therewith, were specially submitted to the consideration of the new Postmaster-General.

To carry into effect many of the suggestions herein submitted to the consideration of His Excellency the Governor, it may be found necessary to apply to the Legislative Council for its sanction and co-operation; and we cannot doubt but that such of our recommendations as shall be found desirable to be adopted for the protection of the revenue and the convenience and accommodation of the public, will receive due consideration, and meet with every facility from that body.

C. D. RIDDELL, President.
W. H. CHURCHILL.
J. B. GARDINER.
J. H. LAMB.
JOHN TRACKER.

Sydney, 21st March, 1851.

ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of the Sydney Morning Herald.

GENTLEMEN,—In the third paragraph of the *Sydney Herald's* leading article of the 11th instant, it is stated that I had pronounced an opinion to the effect that the Moruya diggings were as extensive as the Western. Will you allow me space in your widely circulated journal to contradict this statement, and to say that I have yet to learn that any diggings have been opened out on that River, or likely to be.

I am, gentlemen,
Your most obedient servant,
E. H. HARGREYVES.

Jinneroo, Braidwood, October 14.

To the Editors of the Sydney Morning Herald.

GENTLEMEN,—Permit me through the medium of your valuable journal to offer a few cogent remarks on the subject matter which no doubt will engage the attention of our new Legislators in the approaching Session, in hopes that those remarks may be an induction to some other person possessing more ability, and who would give more effusion and zest to the subject in myself.

As the time is close at hand when the Council will be called together, there is no doubt that, in the course of their deliberations, some problems will be put forth, and amongst these for solution will be, "What is to be done with the Gold of New South Wales?" Let the wise and forenoon members say, "Let us keep it in the colony, and let it be coined," and diffused throughout the southern hemisphere. Let good roads and bridges be made, which will develop our vast interior, and throw open an enormous tract of country for the myriads that will be rushing to this auriferous country in expectation of finding 100 lbs. of gold in solid lump. The gold will be the means of having all sorts of manufactures carried on in the colony. The gold will admit of the defence of Sydney harbour and coast, and also of raising a military force of horse and foot.

And now that gold has been discovered in the southern country, what shall be done for the want of roads and bridges? There is a good road to Bathurst, although made through the Blue Mountains, and at an enormous expense; the Government of the day has done great things to this locality, and the country nearly extinct when compared to the great south country—far from us to envy our friends in the Bathurst country. No; we wish that Mr. Cooper would start one of his locomotives to that country, and would rest satisfied (we of the southern side) with a good carriage road. Alas! none have we at present but the name of one which is most commonly used—"the Razorback Mountain,"—where men and teams have been toiling for years in endeavouring to bring their produce to the metropolis. Indeed it is admitted that a greater business could not be exhibited than to have this frightful road the key and outlet to the vast and wealthy interior of the south.

Where is the petition (the monster petition) which was signed by the wealthy and influential people of the south, and in which Captain Howell had been an uncompromising adjunct in forwarding and advancing the said petition? where are the gentlemen whose great interest it affects. They ought to be up and stirring, and call on their representatives to advocate their just claims. Then the respective members would do their duty, and adopt for their motto a clear stage and no favour,—and no doubt if the materials are put into their hands in proper shape, they will cause such evidence to be produced before the Bar of the House as will satisfy every unprejudiced member as to the immediate necessity of making (or rather continuing) the Great South Road from Appin to Jones' Inn; let experienced and scientific men be examined, for instance, such gentlemen as Captain Howell, Mr. Hamilton Hume, Mr. Bradley, and a host of others, with the Surveyor-General, and other surveyors if necessary.

Until this is done through the Legislature, the mask that has so long disguised the "Razorback Mountain" will never be removed; but honorable men will soon be able to judge whether they have to grapple with public or private interest.

Out of all the falls, and let honorable members carry their own hides, and gain for themselves an honorable fame, which will be handed down to posterity. Regretting to have trespassed so long on your kind indulgence,

ADVANCE AUSTRALIA.

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